

Town of Mansfield Traffic Authority  
Minutes of the Meeting – October 29, 2013

Present: Hart, Hultgren, Painter, Meitzler

The meeting was convened at approximately 10:35AM.

The minutes of the September 24, 2013 meeting were reviewed and no corrections made.

Storrs Center Traffic – The parking space immediately in front of the urgent care center on Royce Circle will be striped and signed with an sign that says “Ambulance and Patient Loading Only” above a standard “No Parking” sign. “Construction Parking Only” signs will be placed at the diagonal parking areas on Wilbur Cross Way, and the parking enforcement people will be directed to begin giving warnings and then parking tickets to non-construction parkers in these places.

Speed Hump/Traffic Calming Requests – Davis Road: The updated count showed less than a 400 ADT, so this road is still not eligible. It will be referred to the Resident State Trooper’s Office for spot enforcement and the requester will be notified. Bone Mill Road: The updated traffic data showed that the speeds of the traffic did not meet the criteria of having the 85% speed be 15 MPH above the posted speed. This location will also be referred to the RST’s office and the requester notified.

MMS bus departures – no progress in scoping a new exclusive bus road into the bus loading area.

Northwood Road signage issue – waiting for word from the requesting resident who was checking with her neighbors on the content and placement of a sign.

Pleasant Valley Road/Mansfield Ave accident location – The following recommendations by Meitzler were approved: A larger stop ahead sign on Mansfield Ave; a larger Stop sign at the intersection; stripes in groups across Mansfield Ave leading up to the stop sign; motion-activated, flashing LED’s on the stop ahead sign. The DPW will implement these recommendations in the near future.

Farrell/Bundy intersection – Meitzler suggested that the centerline be “cat-tracked” through this curve/intersection to provide drivers with a visual guide to get through the intersection on the correct side. This recommendation was accepted and the DPW will try to get these stripes installed prior to winter.

Crosswalk on Rte 195 at Moulton Road – Hultgren will check on the status of this referral to the DOT.

Shoulder pull-offs on Stearns Road – after discussion it was decided to check with other rural communities that may be experiencing the same problems with late-night parking along the wide shoulders in rural areas not far from urban centers.

Suggestion for signage for “2 or 3 cars at a time” on the Route 275 one-lane bridge – Members did not think this was a good idea, so it will not be forwarded to DOT for further consideration.

Codfish Falls accident at driveway – Meitzler said that in the past there were trees and other vegetation blocking sight distance to the south for the 211 Codfish Falls driveway. He will investigate again and report his findings for consideration at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon Hultgren  
Director of Public Works